

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are presently pending in the application. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggests that the first paragraph of the specification be amended to identify that the parent application is now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,894,850. Applicants respectfully submit that the specification has been amended above as suggested by the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,894,850 (hereafter "the '850 patent"). Without conceding the validity of this rejection, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any terminal part of the term of a patent issuing from this application exceeding the term of the '850 patent. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Application No. 10/824,355
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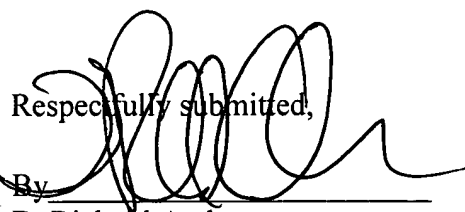
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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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